



Item #15

**Public Safety and Emergency Management  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA DATE: 4/6/2006  
ITEM NO:**

**Subject:** Approve entering into an Interjurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement between and among the political subdivisions located within the State of Texas who have consented to the terms of this Agreement.

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**Requesting Department:** PSEM

**For More Information:** Steve Collier, Director, Office of Emergency Management, 572-974-0461

**Prior Council Action:**

**Boards and Commission Action:**

**Purchasing Language:**

**MBE/WBE:**

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This Mutual Aid Agreement is among all political subdivisions in Texas who sign onto it. Mutual Aid agreements are required by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security in order for jurisdictions that provide assistance to other jurisdictions during disasters to receive reimbursement for their costs. This agreement is administered by the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) which maintains the file of political subdivisions who have signed it. This permits a large number of jurisdictions to sign a single standard Mutual Aid Agreement rather than entering into a large network of individual, different agreements.

Some of the items addressed in the Agreement include the establishment of a separate Regional Operations Plan that details how mutual assistance is requested, provided, coordinated, and demobilized throughout the 10-county CAPCOG region, points of contact for requesting and providing mutual aid assistance, provisions for cost reimbursement, and general liability.

By signing this Mutual Aid Agreement, the City of Austin is not obligated to provide assistance to a mutual aid request. No jurisdiction is required to provide mutual aid unless it determines in its sole discretion that it has sufficient resources to do so based on current or anticipated events within its own jurisdiction.

The Agreement becomes effective on the date signed and will continue through December 31st of the year signed. It will renew automatically on an annual basis unless the City of Austin decides to terminate participation in the Agreement.